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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1895.

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PER ANNUM.

NOTES.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,185,000
PAID-UP \$625,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months 4 per cent.

6 " 3 1/2 "

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J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$100,000
RESERVE FUND \$35,000

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ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$5,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

J. KRAMER, Esq.—Chairman.

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Manager:

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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.

per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER

CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED

DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

H. Stolterfoth, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager:

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 3 per cent.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept First

CLASS FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at

CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,

etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agents.

CHAU TSEUNG FATT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$33,333-33

RESERVE FUND \$315,000-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE-MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO ANGEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

World.

HEAD OFFICE, F & G, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1895.

NOTES.

Intimations.

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THE NEW WIRE WOVEN ROOFING CO.

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THE SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY

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to the legal representatives of the European holder of this COUPON in the event of his death by

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or any Treaty Ports of CHINA or JAPAN, or the immediate neighbourhood thereof, provided that

the Name and Address of the said holder appears in the List of European Subscribers to the

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the

premium thereon has been duly paid; that death takes place within One Month from the

occurrence of the Accident, and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen

days of its happening to Mr. J. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only

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ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.

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W. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1895.

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Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

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ALL 3 MEALS

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THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN

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DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in

PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further particulars apply to

To-day's
Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA SWATOW.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for CHIPO, HANKOW and PORTS on the
YANGTZEK.)

THE Company's Steamship

"CANTON."

Captain Seller, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1785]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Hodges, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1781]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHIPO, HANKOW and PORTS
on the YANGTZEK.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OPESTES."

Captain Palford, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1774]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"LENNOX."

Captain Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched
for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 21st
instant, at Noon, instead of as previously
advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1756]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"UTPUCER."

Captain Riley, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 24th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1782]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG."

Captain Payne, will be despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1783]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"BENGLOE."

Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above on
or about the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1571]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBORO, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th
instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims
for damages and/or shortages not later than the
1st January, otherwise they will not be
reconciled.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1788]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PUTSANG."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th instant, will
be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into
Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1784]

OXIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNIES OF CARGO per Steamship
"COPTIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods, and
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1669]

To-day's
Advertisements.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that WHEELED
TRAFFIC along HOLLYWOOD ROAD
from POSSESSION STREET to STATION STREET
is STOPPED pending the construction of a
Storm Water Drain.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1895. [1785]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONGKONG,
CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT
COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDI-
NANCES 1877 AND 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PETITION
has been presented to the SUPREME
COURT of Hongkong for Confirming a Resolution
of the above Company for REDUCING
its CAPITAL from \$1,600,000 to \$1,200,000.
A List of the Persons admitted to have been
Creditors of the Company on the 7th day of
December, 1895, may be inspected at the
Offices of the Company at the Bank Buildings
or at the Office of the Undersigned at any time
during usual business hours on Payment of the
charge of FIFTY CENTS.

Any Person who claims to have been on
the said last mentioned day and still to be a
Creditor of the Company and who is not entered
on the said List and claims to be so entered
must on or before the 1st day of January, 1896,
send in his Name and address and the partic-
ulars of his Claims and the Name and address
of his Solicitor (if any) to the Undersigned at
35 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong,
or in default thereof he will be precluded from
objecting to the proposed Reduction of Capital.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1895.
VICTOR H. DFACON,
1770] Solicitor for the said Company.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GOT-
FRIED WEBER, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN
THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour
Sir FIELDING CLARK, Knight, Chief
Justice, has, by virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance
No. 9 of 1870, made an Order Limiting to the
2nd February, 1896, the time for sending in
CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in
their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the
said date.

Dated the 26th November, 1895.
F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Registrar
and
Acting Official Administrator.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875,
the Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business
on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th
and 26th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED,

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
L. SIMON,
Manager.
For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1786]

BIRTHS.

At Tienhsin, on 29th ultimo, the wife of A.
CORRIE, of a son.

On the 14th instant, at No. 52, Szechu-
road, Shanghai, the wife of WILLIAM AUGUSTUS
WHITE, of a daughter.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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THE
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CONFECTORY

AND

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DESSERT CHOCOLATE,

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MIXED BONBONS,

FRY'S CHOCOLATES,

TANGERINE BISCUITS,

ORANGE PASTE, ORANGE ROLLS,

&c., &c., &c.

Together with the latest Novelties in

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1895.

The Czar of Russia has founded a fund of \$10,000 for aged or sick journalists and widows of journalists.

At the Criminal Sessions to-day, before Sir Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice, and a jury, Ng Kwan-san, alias Ng Ut Po, was indicted on charges of (a) having uttered a forged and forged \$10 note of the Chartered Bank of India, China, and Australia, as a \$50 note on the 3rd December, and (b) with being in possession of the said forged and forged note on the said date; and (c) with uttering a forged and forged \$5 note of the same bank as a \$50 note on the 5th February, Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General, (instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. Count (c) of the first charge was dropped, as the uttering, if it took place, occurred on Chinese territory, but on count (b) the prisoner was found guilty by a jury. A new jury was drawn and the second charge was heard, the jury convicting in this case too. His Lordship imposed consecutive sentences amounting to ten years' imprisonment.

The Portuguese authorities at Goa announced about two weeks ago that the revolt in that faraway colony had collapsed, the mutineers having laid down their arms and run away into the jungle. Commenting on this the *Englishman* of the 27th ult. says:—Both Sanquelim and Nanus are now said to be deserted, and all that the Government force will have to do will be to hunt down a few small detached bodies of men and to bring the ring-leaders to justice. The difficulties of the Government, however, are by no means over, as their finances are said to be altogether rotten. For the last three years they have been spending annually about three lakhs more, than they have raised in taxation—a very serious deficit considering the microscopic revenue of the settlement. Nobody is likely to lend them money at the present moment. Portugal needs funds almost as much as Goa, so it is little likely to help, and it is roundly said that existing taxes, heavy as they are, will have to be doubled very soon if Goa is to be retained by Portugal. Considering the annoyance to British subjects of such disturbances as that through which Goa has just passed it might be almost worth while for the Government of Bombay to offer Portugal a crore of rupees to clear out of the place altogether.

In *Commerce* of November 6th there is published a paper on "The Trade of Canton" by Mr. R. C. Hurley, at present the manager of the Grill Rooms, whose portrait, as published in the body of the article, adds interest to the matter. After a brief sketch of the history of Canton, extending back to the days of Marco Polo, Mr. Hurley describes the present state of trade in that vast market. He mentions that on account of the obstructive tactics of the provincial authorities, of the forty merchant firms doing business there, only six are British and twelve German, all the remainder being Asiatics, and their trade trivial. He propounds the problem "Is it to be expected that British influence and trade here in the Far East, handicapped, as it is, by its gold standard, will be able to regain its lost position and to hold its own in the immediate future?" Then after describing the small scale on which silk weaving is carried on, the increase during the last few years of the grain-milling trade, which, "fostered principally by the demands of the American markets, has lately shown a disposition to cope with the demands," and the surprise of Russian buyers when told of the small monthly export of the latest grass-hat makers, and the rapid decrease of the British tea trade, contemporary with the great increase in the Russian trade, he deals with Japanese trade. He points out that during the last ten years this has increased from almost $\frac{1}{2}$ to as much as that in all other foreign goods combined, and that since the recent successful war the effects of Japan have been redoubled. He puts the query whether Japan, with the advantage of her silver standard, will not soon purchase the major portion of Canton's productions and supply those standards which have hitherto come from Europe, of a quality better suited for the Chinese and at prices which will force Europeans out of the market? He concludes by saying:—Looking at things as they appear in the abstract, a gold standard, a healthy growing competition from other European producers, the eve of redoubled efforts on the part of silver standard Japan, I return to my problem—Is it to be expected British trade will hold its own? Time alone will solve the problem."

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of this society was held in the City Hall at noon to-day. Mr. Jackson was in the chair, and there were also present Lady Clarke, Messrs. Goodman, David, Dowler, Coxon, Hawkins, Master, Miss Anderson and Captain Anderson.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to pass the accounts for the past year, and the election of a new Committee to serve for the ensuing year. As would be seen from the accounts presented, the Society had begun the year's work with a balance of \$320 or in hand, and they now presented an account showing \$852.68 in hand, a very substantial increase. For this increase they had to thank the subscribers, and had also received very substantial help from the proceeds of an A.D.C. performance, \$271.71, and from a Ballad Concert \$272.44. The cases of relief given by the society, though not as numerous as last year—fifty-eight cases were relieved this year—had all been most deserving, and had substantially lessened the misery in the Colony. The society had been very careful, and while it might be thought that the indiscriminate distribution of charity was harmful, the great care exercised by the members of the Committee had caused that all aid rendered had been most deserving. Relief had been rendered during the year to the extent of \$1,207.66, while the expense of running and keeping up the society had only amounted to \$28.50. The Chairman then moved that the report be passed.

THE "SHROPSHIRE BOYS" AND THE BLACK PLAGUE.

PRESIDENTATION OF MEDALS IN CALCUTTA.

The Indian mail liner *Kuttiang* brought to-day files of the *Calcutta Englishman*, from which we take the following report of the presentation of medals to the officers and men of the Shropshire Light Infantry who rendered such splendid services to the community during the epidemic of plague last year:—

Colonel F. W. Robinson, commanding the Shropshire Light Infantry, presented twelve officers and 366 non-commissioned officers and men of his battalion with the Hongkong Medal at Fort William on Sunday (24th Nov.) in recognition of the services they had rendered in the suppression of the plague at Hongkong last year. The ceremony took place on the regimental parade-ground, after the parade service, and was witnessed by a large number of civil and military officers, including several ladies. The battalion was drawn up on three sides of a square, in the centre of which stood a table laden with the gold and silver decorations awarded by the Committee appointed to represent the community of Hongkong. Colonel Robinson, before handing out the medals, complimented the officers and men on the excellent manner in which they had worked for them, and the pleasure it had given him to command a regiment which had gained such distinction. He referred, with deep regret, to the loss the battalion had sustained in Captain Vesey, who met his death by the plague, and to the men who fell with him. He trusted that the corps would always maintain its good name. The following officers were then presented with medals:—Major McLaughlin, Major Lyle, Captain Buchanan, Captain Welman, Captain Howe, Captain Forbes (now at home on leave), Mr. Jordan, Mr. Strick, Mr. Luard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Carey, and Lieutenant and Quartermaster Wilson. The non-commissioned officers and men then received their well-earned rewards from the Colonel according to seniority.

Colonel Robinson was the recipient of a piece of plate at Hongkong before leaving the Island for Calcutta, and Captain Vesey, who died from the plague, was also down for a medal. The medals which were issued to the officers were of gold, while the non-commissioned officers' medals were of silver. They are the same size as the ordinary war medal. On the reverse is represented a plague-stricken Chinese, reclining on a native bed or litter, over whom bends the Angel of Death with spear in hand in the act of striking, while succour is being rendered by Charity. At the head stands a soldier supporting with his right arm the prostrate Celestial, and his left is uplifted with the object of warding off the descending spear. At his feet, suggestive of the Whitebush Brigade (as the workers were called) are a hand brush and pot. The inscription on the reverse side is "For services rendered during the plague of 1894 Presented by the Hongkong Community."

There is some blith relative to the regiment wearing the medal when in uniform, and a reference has been made to the War Office by the local military authorities. In our opinion there should be no hitch at all. The men risked their lives in the plague just as much, if not more, as they would in action, and all who have been decorated with these tokens of gratitude by the Community of Hongkong should be allowed, and be proud, to wear them. We know there is some reluctance to do so in certain quarters. In any case a man should be as proud to have H. M. (meaning Hongkong Medallist) after his name as C. M. G. for the reason that whilst all sorts and conditions of men have been affixed to their names, the former (C. M.) can be claimed only by those who battled with and assisted in driving from this Colony an insidious foe, an enemy the more difficult to grapple with owing to its invisibility, pernicious and the vile slums in which it reigned supreme for several weeks. Men fought against it; men defeated it.—Ed. H.A.T.

THE REBELLION IN KANSU.

The following translation of a telegram received by the Viceroy of Canton, dated Lanchow, Shean, 29th day 20th moon 21st year Kwanpo (15th Dec., 1895) is sent us by our Chinese correspondent in Canton:—The siege of the town of Hoochow, near Pien-hsien, which has been maintained vigorously for a long time, and which for the last fortnight has been on the point of being successful, has been raised by General Tung's Army arriving on the outside and acting in conjunction with the City Garrison, which has been defending the city for a long time past. The combined forces have succeeded in driving off the rebels with comparatively slight losses on the Imperial side. Viceroy Yang adds that he hopes soon to entirely crush out the rebellion, and that by Spring he anticipates that there will not be a trace of it remaining.

Our correspondent adds:—Yang Chang-shih, it will be remembered, is the degraded and cashiered Viceroy, or Governor-General, of the above-named provinces. He is now holding office awaiting the arrival of his successor, who has not yet been appointed. When he had handed over his seals, etc., to him, Yang would have proceeded to his home, in Hsiaan province, notorious for its anti-foreign population and literature. He would, most probably, never have held high office again, as the Emperor is said to be highly incensed against him for having grossly neglected his duty in not preventing the rising of the present rebellion, and when it broke out not being able to suppress it quickly and satisfactorily, but, on the contrary, being quite unprepared for it. He had never reported or hinted at a rebellion to the Throne, and for this he was very severely reprimanded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.

NEGLIGENCE OR INCOMPETENCY?

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph": Sir,—Your columns have been the medium often and again for asking, I may say, a great attention to the will of the British in this city. The filth condition of the trials in Battery Pathway is scandalous. These worthies apparently can afford to ignore the public entirely, but if they could only be forced to promenade for a few moments in the walk just mentioned I apprehend that their sense of smell, and duty, would return. But it would be simply madness to wait for such a conundrum, therefore the only alternative appears to lie in opening a public subscription list, where everybody could contribute small sums, to purchase disinfectants and employ two or three hands to wipe out this crying shame, and vise, disgrace to Hongkong. What surprises one most of all is that if these august sanitarians are unable to perform the duties for which they are so well paid, why on earth don't they resign and allow others to be appointed who will?

Yours faithfully, ESS QUAM VIDET!

Hongkong, December 18th, 1895.

Our correspondent seems to think the Board does all the work. That is not so. It is the clerks and under-paid Inspectors who look after most of it. Ed. H.A.T.

The meeting then adjourned.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NORTH-CHINA.

Wetake the following items from Shanghai papers, dated to the 13th inst.—

Mr. Brennan's commission extends to Japan as well as China.

It is rumoured in Shanghai that the Germans have decided to purchase certain lands at Lukkau Fooing, for the purpose of establishing a German settlement there.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date, during the absence of Mr. JAS. B. COUGHTREY from the Colony, Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. MCCONACHIE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1895. [1705]

NOTICE.

Mr. V. B. & Mr. EDMUND HUMPHREYS, my Son Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS, Mr. HART BUCK, and my Nephew Mr. JOHN AMBROSE JUPP have This Day been admitted into PARTNERSHIP in my FIRM of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1895. [1672]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1738]

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THE Steamship

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Captain Frampton, will be despatched to TOMORROW, the 19th instant, at 1 P.M.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1755]

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FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

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C. Kemp, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 10th instant.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1895. [1732]

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NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

HOHENZOLLERN.

Captain P. Wettin, will leave for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 20th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to

MFLCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1753]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

SACHSEN.

Captain H. Supper, due here with the outward

German Mail about the 19th instant, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1754]

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Gen. Ramsey, Commander, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 9 A.M.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1755]

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